

Delivered to Senator Symington

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According to THE WASHINGTON POST of 1 June 1966, Castro is charging that Cuban exiles who tried to slip into Havana Sunday night were sent by the Central Intelligence Agency to assassinate Premier Castro. The story identified one Antonio de la Cuesta Valle as the military commander of a group called "Commandos L." The Cuban announcement charged that Commandos L is a front for CIA.

This again has been most carefully explored, and the facts are that Commandos L has received no support or guidance from the CIA and is in no way a front for the Agency. Furthermore, Antonio de la Cuesta Valle has no connection with the CIA, and whatever his activities in this enterprise, they were not carried out at the instigation or direction of the Agency.

It is time for the press and the public to realize that it suits Castro's convenience to cite U. S. and CIA plots, particularly when he is in trouble with his own people. Common sense should lead to skepticism concerning such stories.